Amendments To Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1.   (currently amended) A computer-implemented method for facilitating the translation of files comprising:

establishing, via a host computer, definitions comprising at least one of sorting criteria, filter criteria, date range, file format, accounting codes and formatting criteria;

establishing, via a host computer, an expression, wherein said expression is evaluated when said interface during said translation;

creating, via said host computer, an interface file including said definitions and said expression;

reading, via said host computer, unusable data from a first source;

reading, via said host computer, said definitions and said expression contained in said interface file;

translating, via said host computer, using only a single translation of said unusable data from said first source to create a first data copy, wherein said first data copy is in a format usable by a second source according to said definitions contained in said interface file and, wherein said unusable data from said first source is usable by said second source after said translating step; and,

executing, via a host computer, said expression, wherein said expression performs a calculation and retrieves a second data copy from a third source;

formatting, via a host computer, said first data copy and said second data copy in accordance with said definitions; and,

saving, onto said host computer, said interface file.

2.   (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said establishing step comprises:

receiving information regarding a type of said interface file to be created;

receiving file type information regarding a desired file format; and

receiving formatting information regarding a format of said data being translated.

3. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein said receiving formatting information step comprises entering said formatting information for each field of said unusable data being translated.

4. (previously presented) The method of claim 3 wherein said formatting data comprises:

> a field name;
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> a description;
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> a length of the field;
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> an indicator of fixed-width/variable width status;
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> a mask to force said unusable data into a particular style;
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> justification information; position information; and
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> element information.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 4, wherein said element information comprises:

> information regarding a type of said unusable data in said field, wherein said information comprises at least one of a calculated expression; a static table entry; alphanumeric information; and a query.

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 2 further comprising:

> selecting a template file as a starting point for creating the interface file;
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> entering sorting information regarding a sorting preference; and
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> entering filtering information regarding a filtering preference.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of establishing definitions comprises establishing definitions based upon a response to a question presented to a user via a user interface.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said translating step further comprises:

> creating said second source of a predetermined type;

writing said unusable data to said second source in said format usable by said second source; and,

saving said second source.

9.   (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of establishing definitions further comprises establishing definitions having a property relating to a data field.

10.   (previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein said property includes at least one of field name, description, status, length flag, length, minimum length, maximum length, format mask, justification, pad character, quote, delimiter flag, start position, end position, counter increment flag, element, query field, static table entry, counter, fixed test, expression, character function and common expression.

11.   (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of creating, via said host computer, an interface file includes creating only one interface file.